

- 7. (Amended) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 1, wherein three R¹'s are all phenyl groups.
- 8. (Amended) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 1, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is an alkyl group having at least 2 carbon atoms.
- (Amended) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 1, wherein Z is aluminium.
- 10. (Amended) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the transition metal compound (A) is represented by any of the following general formulae (I-2) to (I-6):

$$Q_{a}^{1}(C_{5}H_{5-a-b}R_{b}^{8})(C_{5}H_{5-a-c}R_{c}^{9})M^{1}X^{1}Y^{1}$$
 (I-2)

$$Q_{a}^{2}(C_{5}H_{5-a-d}R_{d}^{10})Z^{1}M^{1}X^{1}Y^{1}$$
 (I-3)

$$(C_5H_{5-e}R^{11}_{e})M^1X^1Y^1W^1$$
 (I-4)

$$M^{1}X^{1}Y^{1}W^{1}U^{1} \tag{I-5}$$

$$L^{\mathsf{I}}L^{\mathsf{2}}M^{\mathsf{2}}X^{\mathsf{I}}Y^{\mathsf{I}} \tag{I-6}$$

in which  $Q^1$  represents a bonding group that crosslinks the two conjugated five-membered cyclic ligands ( $C_5H_{5-a-b}R^8_b$ ) and ( $C_5H_{5-a-c}R^9_c$ );  $Q^2$  represents a bonding group that crosslinks the conjugated five-membered cyclic ligand ( $C_5H_{5-a-d}R^{10}_d$ ) and the group  $Z^1$ ;  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  each represent a hydrocarbon group, a halogen atom, an alkoxy group, a silicon-containing hydrocarbon group, a phosphorus-containing hydrocarbon group, a nitrogen-containing hydrocarbon group, or a boron-containing hydrocarbon group; and a plurality of these groups, if any, may be the same or different, and may be bonded to each other to form a cyclic structure; a represents 0, 1 or 2; b, c and d each represent an integer of from 0 to 5 when a = 0, or an integer of from 0 to 4 when a = 1, or an integer of from 0 to 3 when a = 2; e is an integer of from 0 to 5;  $M^1$  represents a transition metal of Groups 4 to 6 of the Periodic

Table; M<sup>2</sup> represents a transition metal of Groups 8 to 10 of the Periodic Table; L<sup>1</sup> and L<sup>2</sup> each represent a coordination-bonding ligand; X<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>1</sup>, Z<sup>1</sup>, W<sup>1</sup> and U<sup>1</sup> each represent a covalent-bonding or ionic-bonding ligand; and L<sup>1</sup>, L<sup>2</sup>, X<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>1</sup>, Z<sup>1</sup>, W<sup>1</sup> and U<sup>1</sup> may be bonded to each other to form a cyclic structure.

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- 12. (Amended) A method for producing olefinic polymers, which comprises polymerizing olefins in the presence of the polymerization catalyst of Claim 1.
- 17. (Amended) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 13, wherein at least one of three R<sup>31</sup>'s is an aromatic hydrocarbon group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms.
- 18. (Amended) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 13, wherein three R<sup>31</sup>'s are all aromatic hydrocarbon groups each having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms.
- 19. (Amended) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 13, wherein three R<sup>31</sup>'s are all phenyl groups.
- 20. (Amended) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 13, wherein R<sup>32</sup> is an alkyl group having at least 2 carbon atoms.
- 21. (Amended) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 15, wherein Z is aluminium.
- 22. (Amended) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the transition metal compound (A) is represented by any of the following general formulae (II-2) to (II-6):

$$Q_{a}^{21}(C_{5}H_{5-a-b}R_{b}^{38})(C_{5}H_{5-a-c}R_{c}^{39})M^{21}X^{21}Y^{2}$$
 (II-2)

$$Q_{a}^{21}(C_{5}H_{5-a-d}R_{d}^{40})Z^{21}M^{21}X^{21}Y^{21}$$
 (II-3)

$$(C_5H_{5-e}R^{41}_e)M^{21}X^{21}Y^{21}W^{21}$$
 (II-4)

 $M^{21}X^{21}Y^{21}W^{21}U^{21}\\$ 

(II-5)

 $L^{21}L^{22}M^{22}X^{21}Y^{21}$ 

(II-6)

in which Q<sup>21</sup> represents a bonding group that crosslinks the two conjugated five-membered cyclic ligands (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5-a-b</sub>R<sup>38</sup><sub>b</sub>) and (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5-a-c</sub>R<sup>39</sup><sub>c</sub>); Q<sup>22</sup> represents a bonding group that crosslinks the conjugated five-membered cyclic ligand (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5-a-d</sub>R<sup>40</sup><sub>d</sub>) and the group Z<sup>21</sup>; R<sup>38</sup>, R<sup>39</sup>, R<sup>40</sup> and R<sup>41</sup> each represent a hydrocarbon group, a halogen atom, an alkoxy group, a silicon-containing hydrocarbon group, a phosphorus-containing hydrocarbon group, a nitrogen-containing hydrocarbon group, or a boron-containing hydrocarbon group; and a plurality of these groups, if any, may be the same or different, and may be bonded to each other to form a cyclic structure; a represents 0, 1 or 2; b, c and d each represent an integer of from 0 to 5 when a = 0, or an integer of from 0 to 4 when a = 1, or an integer of from 0 to 3 when a = 2; e is an integer of from 0 to 5; M<sup>21</sup> represents a transition metal of Groups 4 to 6 of the Periodic Table; M<sup>22</sup> represents a transition metal of Groups 8 to 10 of the Periodic Table; L<sup>21</sup> and L<sup>22</sup> each represent a coordination-bonding ligand; X<sup>21</sup>, Y<sup>21</sup>, Z<sup>21</sup>, W<sup>21</sup> and U<sup>21</sup> each represent a covalent-bonding or ionic-bonding ligand; and L<sup>21</sup>, L<sup>22</sup>, X<sup>21</sup>, Y<sup>21</sup>, Z<sup>21</sup>, W<sup>21</sup> and U<sup>21</sup> and U<sup>21</sup> may be bonded to each other to form a cyclic structure.

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24. (Amended) A method for producing olefinic polymers, which comprises polymerizing olefins in the presence of the polymerization catalyst of Claim 13.

Please add new Claims 25-40 as follows:

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- 25. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 4, wherein at least one of three R<sup>1</sup>'s is an aromatic hydrocarbon group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms.
- 26. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 4, wherein three R¹'s are all aromatic hydrocarbon groups each having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms.

27. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 4, wherein three R<sup>1</sup>'s are all phenyl groups.

28. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 4, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is an alkyl group having at least 2 carbon atoms.

29. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 4, wherein Z is aluminium.

30. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the transition metal compound (A) is represented by any of the following general formulae (I-2) to (I-6):

$$Q_{a}^{1}(C_{5}H_{5-a-b}R_{b}^{8})(C_{5}H_{5-a-c}R_{c}^{9})M^{1}X^{1}Y^{1}$$
 (I-2)

$$Q_{a}^{2}(C_{5}H_{5-a-d}R^{10}_{d})Z^{1}M^{1}X^{1}Y^{1}$$
 (I-3)

$$(C_5H_{5-e}R^{11}_{e})M^1X^1Y^1W^1$$
 (I-4)

$$M^{I}X^{I}Y^{I}W^{I}U^{I} \tag{I-5}$$

$$L^{1}L^{2}M^{2}X^{1}Y^{1} \tag{I-6}$$

in which  $Q^1$  represents a bonding group that crosslinks the two conjugated five-membered cyclic ligands ( $C_5H_{5-a-b}R^8_b$ ) and ( $C_5H_{5-a-c}R^9_c$ );  $Q^2$  represents a bonding group that crosslinks the conjugated five-membered cyclic ligand ( $C_5H_{5-a-d}R^{10}_d$ ) and the group  $Z^1$ ;  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  each represent a hydrocarbon group, a halogen atom, an alkoxy group, a silicon-containing hydrocarbon group, a phosphorus-containing hydrocarbon group, a nitrogen-containing hydrocarbon group, or a boron-containing hydrocarbon group; and a plurality of these groups, if any, may be the same or different, and may be bonded to each other to form a cyclic structure; a represents 0, 1 or 2; b, c and d each represent an integer of from 0 to 5 when a = 0, or an integer of from 0 to 4 when a = 1, or an integer of from 0 to 3 when a = 2; e is an integer of from 0 to 5;  $M^1$  represents a transition metal of Groups 4 to 6 of the Periodic

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Table;  $M^2$  represents a transition metal of Groups 8 to 10 of the Periodic Table;  $L^1$  and  $L^2$  each represent a coordination-bonding ligand;  $X^1$ ,  $Y^1$ ,  $Z^1$ ,  $W^1$  and  $U^1$  each represent a covalent-bonding or ionic-bonding ligand; and  $L^1$ ,  $L^2$ ,  $X^1$ ,  $Y^1$ ,  $Z^1$ ,  $W^1$  and  $U^1$  may be bonded to each other to form a cyclic structure.

31. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 30, wherein, in the transition metal compound (A) of formula (I-4), the group ( $C_5H_{5-e}R^{11}_e$ ) is represented by any of the following general formulae (I) to (VII):

wherein A represents an element of Group 13, 14, 15 or 16, and plural A's may be the same or different; R represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having from 1 to 30 carbon atoms, an aromatic hydrocarbon group having from 6 to 30

carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having from 1 to 30 carbon atoms, an aryloxy group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms, a thioalkoxy group having from 1 to 30 carbon atoms, a thioaryloxy group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms, an amino group, an amido group, a carboxyl group, or an alkylsilyl or akylsilylalkyl group having from 3 to 30 carbon atoms, and R's may be the same or different, and may be optionally bonded to each other to form a cyclic structure; a represents 0, 1 or 2; and n and m each represent an integer of at least 1.

- 32. (New) A method for producing olefinic polymers, which comprises polymerizing olefins in the presence of the polymerization catalyst of Claim 4.
- 33. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 16, wherein at least one of three R<sup>31</sup>'s is an aromatic hydrocarbon group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms.
- 34. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 16, wherein three R<sup>31</sup>'s are all aromatic hydrocarbon groups each having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms.
- 35. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 16, wherein three R<sup>31</sup>'s are all phenyl groups.
- 36. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 16, wherein R<sup>32</sup> is an alkyl group having at least 2 carbon atoms.
- 37. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 16, wherein Z is aluminium.
- 38. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the transition metal compound (A) is represented by any of the following general formulae (II-2) to (II-6):

$$Q^{21}_{\ a}(C_5H_{5\text{-a-b}}R^{38}_{\ b})(C_5H_{5\text{-a-c}}R^{39}_{\ c})M^{21}X^{21}Y^{21} \eqno(II\text{-}2)$$

$$Q^{21}_{\ a}(C_5H_{5\text{-a-d}}R^{40}_{\ d})Z^{21}M^{21}X^{21}Y^{21} \eqno(II\text{-}3)$$

$$(C_5H_{5,e}R^{41}_{e})M^{21}X^{21}Y^{21}W^{21}$$
 (II-4)

$$M^{21}X^{21}Y^{21}W^{21}U^{21} (II-5)$$

$$L^{21}L^{22}M^{22}X^{21}Y^{21}$$
 (II-6)

in which  $Q^{21}$  represents a bonding group that crosslinks the two conjugated five-membered cyclic ligands ( $C_5H_{5-a-b}R^{38}_b$ ) and ( $C_5H_{5-a-c}R^{39}_c$ );  $Q^{22}$  represents a bonding group that crosslinks the conjugated five-membered cyclic ligand ( $C_5H_{5-a-d}R^{40}_d$ ) and the group  $Z^{21}$ ;  $R^{38}$ ,  $R^{39}$ ,  $R^{40}$  and  $R^{41}$  each represent a hydrocarbon group, a halogen atom, an alkoxy group, a silicon-containing hydrocarbon group, a phosphorus-containing hydrocarbon group, a nitrogen-containing hydrocarbon group, or a boron-containing hydrocarbon group; and a plurality of these groups, if any, may be the same or different, and may be bonded to each other to form a cyclic structure; a represents 0, 1 or 2; b, c and d each represent an integer of from 0 to 5 when a = 0, or an integer of from 0 to 4 when a = 1, or an integer of from 0 to 3 when a = 2; e is an integer of from 0 to 5;  $M^{21}$  represents a transition metal of Groups 4 to 6 of the Periodic Table;  $M^{22}$  represents a transition metal of Groups 8 to 10 of the Periodic Table;  $L^{21}$  and  $L^{22}$  each represent a coordination-bonding ligand;  $L^{21}$ ,  $L^{22}$ ,  $L^{21}$ ,  $L^{21}$ ,  $L^{22}$ ,  $L^{21}$ ,  $L^{21}$ ,  $L^{22}$ ,  $L^{22}$ ,  $L^{21}$ ,  $L^{22}$ ,  $L^{22}$ ,  $L^{22}$ ,  $L^{22}$ ,  $L^{23}$ ,  $L^{23}$ ,  $L^{23}$ ,  $L^{24}$ ,  $L^{2$ 

39. (New) The catalyst for polymerization of olefins as claimed in Claim 38, wherein, in the transition metal compound (A) of formula (II-4), the group (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5-e</sub>R<sup>41</sup><sub>e</sub>) is represented by any of the following general formulae (I) to (VII):

$$\begin{matrix} R & R \\ A \\ A \\ R \end{matrix} \qquad \begin{matrix} R \\ R \end{matrix} \qquad ...(I)$$

$$R_a$$
 $A$ 
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$$\begin{array}{c|c} R & R \\ \hline R & R \\ \hline R & R \end{array}$$

$$R_a$$
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$$\begin{array}{c|c} R_a & R_A \\ A & A \\ A & A \\ R_a & R_a \end{array} \dots (VI)$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R & R \\
R & R \\
R & R
\end{array} \dots (VII)$$

wherein A represents an element of Group 13, 14, 15 or 16, and plural A's may be the same or different; R represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having from 1 to 30 carbon atoms, an aromatic hydrocarbon group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having from 1 to 30 carbon atoms, an aryloxy group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms, a thioalkoxy group having from 1 to 30 carbon atoms, a